

Federal Communications Commission

§ 61.38

(f) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the letter of transmittal must specifically reference by number any special permission necessary to implement the tariff publication. Special permission must be granted prior to the filing of the tariff publication, and may not be requested in the transmittal letter.

(g) The letter of transmittal must be substantially in the following format:

(Exact name of carrier in full)

(Post Office Address)

(Date)

Transmittal No.

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission; Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff (or other publication) issued by _____, and bearing FCC No. _____, effective _____, 20 __, is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. (Here give the additional information required.)

(Name of issuing officer or agent)

(Title)

(h)(1) A separate letter of transmittal may accompany each publication, or the above format may be modified to provide for filing as many publications as desired with one transmittal letter.

(2) [Reserved]

NOTE TO § 61.33: If a receipt for accompanying publication is desired, the letter of transmittal must be sent in duplicate. One copy showing the date of receipt by the Commission will then be returned to the sender.

[55 FR 19173, May 8, 1990, as amended by 56 FR 55239, Oct. 25, 1991; 58 FR 17530, Apr. 5, 1993; 58 FR 44906, Aug. 25, 1993; 62 FR 5777, Feb. 7, 1997; 64 FR 46588, 46593, Aug. 26, 1999; 66 FR 47896, Sept. 14, 2001; 67 FR 13228, Mar. 21, 2002]

§ 61.38 Supporting information to be submitted with letters of transmittal.

(a) *Scope.* This section applies to dominant carriers whose gross annual revenues exceed \$500,000 for the most recent 12 month period of operations or are estimated to exceed \$500,000 for a representative 12 month period. Local exchange carriers serving 50,000 or

fewer access lines in a given study area that are described as subset 3 carriers in § 69.602 of this chapter may submit Access Tariff filings for that study area pursuant to either this section or § 61.39. However, the Commission may require any carrier to submit such information as may be necessary for a review of a tariff filing. This section (other than the preceding sentence of this paragraph) shall not apply to tariff filings proposing rates for services identified in § 61.42 (d), (e), and (g).

(b) *Explanation and data supporting either changes or new tariff offerings.* The material to be submitted for a tariff change which affects rates or charges or for a tariff offering a new service, must include an explanation of the changed or new matter, the reasons for the filing, the basis of ratemaking employed, and economic information to support the changed or new matter.

(1) For a tariff change the carrier must submit the following, including complete explanations of the bases for the estimates.

(i) A cost of service study for all elements for the most recent 12 month period;

(ii) A study containing a projection of costs for a representative 12 month period;

(iii) Estimates of the effect of the changed matter on the traffic and revenues from the service to which the changed matter applies, the carrier's other service classifications, and the carrier's overall traffic and revenues. These estimates must include the projected effects on the traffic and revenues for the same representative 12 month period used in (ii) above.

(2) For a tariff filing offering a new service, the carrier must submit the following, including complete explanations of the bases for the estimates.

(i) A study containing a projection of costs for a representative 12 month period; and

(ii) Estimates of the effect of the new matter on the traffic and revenues from the service to which the new matter applies, the carrier's other service classifications, and the carrier's overall traffic and revenues. These estimates must include the projected effects on the traffic and revenues for the same representative 12 month period

used in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section.

(3) [Reserved]

(4) For a tariff that introduces a system of density pricing zones, as described in §69.123 of this chapter, the carrier must, before filing its tariff, submit a density pricing zone plan including, *inter alia*, documentation sufficient to establish that the system of zones reasonably reflects cost-related characteristics, such as the density of total interstate traffic in central offices located in the respective zones, and receive approval of its proposed plan.

(c) *Working papers and statistical data.*

(1) Concurrently with the filing of any tariff change or tariff filing for a service not previously offered, the Chief, Pricing Policy Division must be provided two sets of working papers containing the information underlying the data supplied in response to paragraph (b) of this section, and a clear explanation of how the working papers relate to that information.

(2) All statistical studies must be submitted and supported in the form prescribed in §1.363 of the Commission's Rules.

(d) *Form and content of additional material to be submitted with certain rate increases.* In the circumstances set out in paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) of this section, the filing carrier must submit all additional cost, marketing and other data underlying the working papers to justify a proposed rate increase. The carrier must submit this information in suitable form to serve as the carrier's direct case in the event the rate increase is set by the Commission for investigation.

(1) Rate increases affecting single services or tariffed items.

(i) A rate increase in any service or tariffed item which results in more than \$1 million in additional annual revenues, calculated on the basis of existing quantities in service, without regard to the percentage increase in such revenues; or

(ii) A single rate increase in any service or tariffed item, or successive rate increases in the same service or tariffed item within a 12 month period, either of which results in:

(A) At least a 10 percent increase in annual revenues from that service or tariffed item, and

(B) At least \$100,000 in additional annual revenues, both calculated on the basis of existing quantities in service.

(2) Rate increases affecting more than one service or tariffed item.

(i) A general rate increase in more than one service or tariffed item occurring at one time, which results in more than \$1 million in additional revenues calculated on the basis of existing quantities in service, without regard to the percentage increase in such revenues; or

(ii) A general rate increase in more than one service or tariffed item occurring at one time, or successive general rate increases in the same services or tariffed items occurring within a 12 month period, either of which results in:

(A) At least a 10 percent increase in annual revenues from those services or tariffed items, and

(B) At least \$100,000 in additional annual revenues, both calculated on the basis of existing quantities in service.

(e) *Submission of explanation and data by connecting carriers.* If the changed or new matter is being filed by the issuing carrier at the request of a connecting carrier, the connecting carrier must provide the data required by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section on the date the issuing carrier files the tariff matter with the Commission.

(f) *Copies of explanation and data to customers.* Concurrently with the filing of any rate for special construction (or special assembly equipment and arrangements) developed on the basis of estimated costs, the offering carrier must transmit to the customer a copy of the explanation and data required by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(g) On each page of cost support material submitted pursuant to this section, the carrier shall indicate the transmittal number under which that page was submitted.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 69 FR 25336, May 6, 2004, paragraph (b)(4) of § 61.38 was removed and reserved. This paragraph contains information collection and recordkeeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

§ 61.39 Optional supporting information to be submitted with letters of transmittal for Access Tariff filings effective on or after April 1, 1989, by local exchange carriers serving 50,000 or fewer access lines in a given study area that are described as subset 3 carriers in § 69.602.

(a) *Scope.* This section provides for an optional method of filing for any local exchange carrier that is described as subset 3 carrier in § 69.602, which elects to issue its own Access Tariff for a period commencing on or after April 1, 1989, and which serves 50,000 or fewer access lines in a study area as determined under § 36.611(a)(8) of this chapter. However, the Commission may require any carrier to submit such information as may be necessary for review of a tariff filing. This section (other than the preceding sentence of this paragraph) shall not apply to tariff filings of local exchange carriers subject to price cap regulation.

(b) *Explanation and data supporting tariff changes.* The material to be submitted to either a tariff change or a new tariff which affects rates or charges must include an explanation of the filing in the transmittal as required by § 61.33. The basis for rate-making must comply with the following requirements. Except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this section, it is not necessary to submit this supporting data at the time of filing. However, the local exchange carrier should be prepared to submit the data promptly upon reasonable request by the Commission or interested parties.

(1) For a tariff change, the local exchange carrier that is a cost schedule carrier must propose Tariff Sensitive rates based on the following:

(i) For the first period, a cost of service study for Traffic Sensitive elements for the most recent 12 month period with related demand for the same period.

(ii) For subsequent filings, a cost of service study for Traffic Sensitive elements for the total period since the

local exchange carrier's last annual filing, with related demand for the same period.

(2) For a tariff change, the local exchange company that is an average schedule carrier must propose Traffic Sensitive rates based on the following:

(i) For the first period, the local exchange carrier's most recent annual Traffic Sensitive settlement from the National Exchange Carrier Association pool.

(ii) For subsequent filings, an amount calculated to reflect the Traffic Sensitive average schedule pool settlement the carrier would have received if the carrier had continued to participate, based upon the most recent average schedule formulas approved by the Commission.

(3) For a tariff change, the local exchange carrier that is a cost schedule carrier must propose Common Line rates based on the following:

(i) For the first biennial filing, the common line revenue requirement shall be determined by a cost of service study for the most recent 12-month period. Subscriber line charges shall be based on cost and demand data for the same period. Carrier common line rates shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{CCL Rev Req}}{\text{CCL MOU}_b * (1 + h/2)^2}$$

where:

$$h = \frac{\text{CCL MOU}_1 - 1}{\text{CCL MOU}_0}$$

And where:

CCL Rev Req = carrier common line revenue requirement for the most recent 12-month period;

CCL MOU_b = carrier common line minutes of use for the most recent 12-month period;

CCL MOU₁ = *CCL MOU_b*; and

CCL MOU₀ = carrier common line minutes of use for the 12-month period preceding the most recent 12-month period.

(ii) For subsequent biennial filings, the common line revenue requirement shall be determined by a cost of service study for the most recent 24-month period. Subscriber line charges shall be based on cost and demand data for the same period. Carrier common line rates